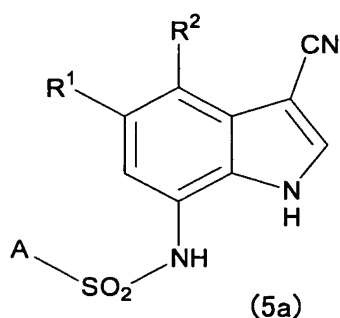
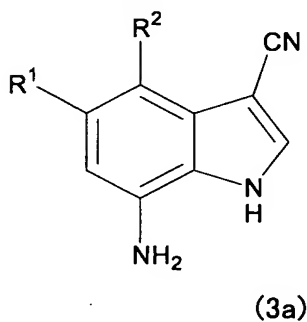


ABSTRACT

A process for preparing a compound (5a) represented by the following formula:



- 5 wherein R^1 and R^2 each independently represent hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, etc. and A represents cyanophenyl, etc., characterized by reacting a compound (3a) represented by the following formula:



- 10 wherein R^1 and R^2 have the same definitions as above, with a compound represented by the formula $A-SO_2Cl$, wherein A has the same definition as above, in the presence of a base, in a mixed solvent of water and C_{1-6} alkyl acetate.